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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE - KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

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1. JAPANESE MEDIA REPORTED ROK PRIMIN KIM CHONG-PIL BRIEFING OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MONDAY ON HIS MEETING WITH PRIMIN KAKUEI TANAKA LAST FRIDAY, INCLUDING EXPLANATION THAT BOTH AGREED THAT GOJ WOULD CEASE FURTHER PROBE ON ROLE OF FORMER ROK DIPLOMAT KIM DONG-WOON IN ABDUCTION OF KIM TAE-CHUNG.

2. UPON PUBLICATION OF ABOVE IN JAPAN CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SUSUMU NIKAI DO INFORMED PRESS THAT JAPANESE WOULD CONTINUE INVESTIGATION. MOREOVER, NIKAI DO DENIED THAT OFFICIAL AGREEMENT REACHED TO SUSPEND INVESTIGATION, AND STATED THAT GOJ MIGHT REQUEST ROKG EXPLANATION SHOULD NEW FACTS BE DISCLOSED.

3. METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED BY PRESS TO HAVE LEARNED MONDAY THAT CAR BELONGING TO VICE-CONSUL YU YOUNG-BOK, THEN POSTED TO ROK CONSULTATE YOKOHAMA, WAS USED TO CARRY KIM TAE-CHUNG AWAY FROM SCENE OF ABDUCTION.

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GRAND PALACE HOTEL PARKING LOT ATTENDANT, WHO IN FIVE PREVIOUS

POLICE INTERROGATIONS DENIED ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT CAR,  
NOW STATES THAT WHEN CAR LEFT PARKING LOT ABOUT TIME OF ABDUCTION  
TWO MEN IN BACK SEAT APPARENTLY WERE HOLDING ANOTHER MAN DOWN ON  
FLOOR. FURTHER, HE NOW STATES THAT HE RECOGNIZED MAN IN FRONT  
SEAT, ON BASIS OF PHOTOGRAPHS, AS KIM DONG-WOON. ATTENDANT  
REPORTEDLY REMAINED SILENT UNTIL ROK-JAPAN SUMMIT MEETING OUT  
OF FEAR OF POSSIBLE KCIA REPRISAL IF HE TALKED. HE ALSO  
SAID TO FEEL FREE TO TALK NOW THAT ROKG HAS ADMITTED KIM DONG-WOON  
COMPLICITY.  
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